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November 6, 2005 5:59 PM

Senator Ken Salazar  
U.S. Senate  
702 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Salazar:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth Kramer

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November 4, 2005 9:49 AM

Senator Bill Nelson  
U.S. Senate  
716 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Nelson:

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Kramer

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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James Sperry

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November 6, 2005 9:34 AM

Senator Kent Conrad  
U.S. Senate  
530 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Conrad:

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James Sperry

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FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Phyllis McCulley

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November 4, 2005 1:03 PM

Representative Michael Burgess  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1721 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Burgess:

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Sincerely,

Phyllis McCulley Fort Worth, TX

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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**Ellen Henry**

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November 1, 2005 11:24 AM

Senator Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Schumer:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

If the FCC changes to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Where is the fairness in that?! Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ellen Henry

cc:

FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Keith Lindgren

1609 Virginia Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502

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November 7, 2005 6:38 PM

Senator Pat Roberts  
U.S. Senate  
109 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Roberts:

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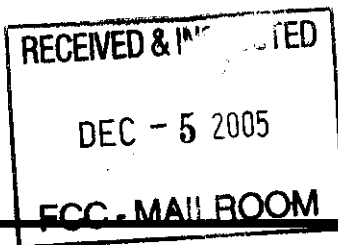
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Sincerely,

Keith Lindgren

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Robert Perry  
2715 South 600 West, Nibley, UT 84321

November 11, 2005

Representative Rob Bishop  
U.S. House of Representatives  
124 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Bishop:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Perry

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**Bill E. Shoemaker**

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November 1, 2005 11:30 AM

Senator Tom Coburn  
U.S. Senate  
172 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Coburn:

I have serious concerns regarding The Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing from you about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill E. Shoemaker

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FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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James McCluer

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November 8, 2005 5:13 PM

Senator Blanche Lincoln  
U.S. Senate  
355 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Lincoln:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee.

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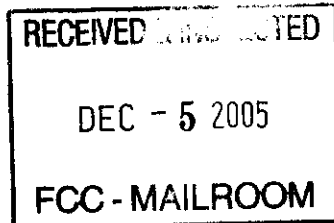
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**Vanessa Wilson**

POB 741 , Energy, IL 62933-0741

Representative Jerry Costello  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2269 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001



November 1, 2005 5:42 PM

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Costello:

**CONCERNS ARE REAL AND MONETARY (HOME OF TWO UNEMPLOYED/DOWNSIZED)**

Regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) especially KEVIN J.MARTIN'S position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Sincerely,

Vanessa Wilson

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

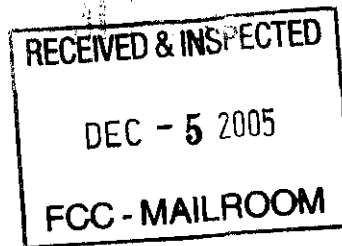
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**Don Lloyd**

127 Bobcat Trail , Eatonton, GA 31024-7505

November 1, 2005 12:00 PM

Senator Saxby Chambliss  
U.S. Senate  
416 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001



Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Chambliss:

As a retired couple trying to live on a very small fixed monthly income we have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including us, our friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter. Show some concern for low income Americans!

Sincerely,

Don Lloyd

cc:  
FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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**Janice Stalder**

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Representative Stephanie Herseth  
U.S. House of Representatives  
331 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

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November 1, 2005 2:08 PM

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Herseth:

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Sincerely,

Janice Stalder

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FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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**Jim Bowen**

7725 Fairway Rd. , Waco, TX 76712

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November 1, 2005 2:58 PM

Senator John Cornyn  
U.S. Senate  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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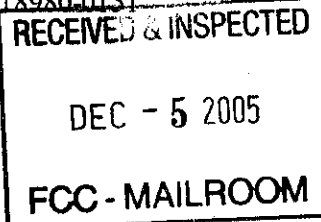
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**Ramona Carson**

1032 Cedar Lane P. O. Box 151, Wycombe, PA 18980-0151



November 1, 2005 3:55 PM

Representative Michael Fitzpatrick  
U.S. House of Representative  
1516 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Ramona Carson

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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November 1, 2005 10:42 AM

Representative Jim Kolbe  
U.S. House of Representatives  
237 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Kolbe:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Incidentally, I paid U.S. West in excess of \$4000.00 each for my two phone lines. So much for a universal service fee helping to wire the inwired ares of our country

Sincerely,

Stephen Sklarow

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FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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November 1, 2005 11:57 AM

Senator Hillary Clinton  
U.S. Senate  
476 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Clinton:

I have serious concerns regarding The Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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I would also like to add that the current USF has been subject to significant waste and fraud. Perhaps the FCC should look into fixing the accounting before tinkering with the assessment.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Schaffrath

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November 1, 2005 11:28 AM

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
U.S. Senate  
361-A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator McConnell:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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A flat fee tax would cause many low-volume long distance users, like students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers, to give up their phones due to unaffordable monthly increases on their bills. Shifting the funding burden of the USF from high volume to low-volume users is radical, unfair, and unnecessary. In addition, it would have a highly detrimental effect on small businesses all across America. The Keep USF Fair Coalition, of which I am a member, keeps me informed about the USF issue with monthly newsletters and up to date information on their website, including links to FCC information. While I am aware that federal law does not require companies to recover, or "pass along" these fees to their customers, the reality is that they do. According to the Coalition's recent meetings with top FCC officials, the FCC has plans to change to a flat fee system soon and without legislation. As a consumer I would like to ensure that I am charged fairly.

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Sincerely,

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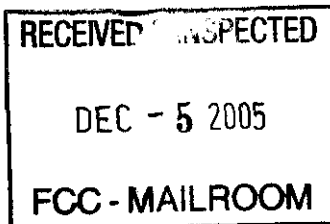
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**Richard Bangs**

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Representative Bill Young  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2407 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515-0001



November 1, 2005 4:28 PM

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Young:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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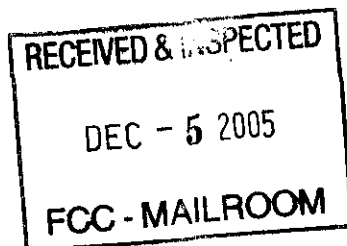
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**Mike Pickett**

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Senator Bill Nelson  
U.S. Senate  
716 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001



November 1, 2005 3:44 PM

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Nelson:

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Sincerely,

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November 1, 2005 11:27 AM

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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